

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re application of:
Tai-He XIA et al.

Application No. 09/886,041 Confirmation No. 5481

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For: A NOVEL G PROTEIN-

COUPLED RECEPTOR,

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Examiner: Michael T. BRANNOCK

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, wherein the Examiner gave a three-month period for response, attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference is a Petition for Extension of Time for three months, making the due date for response June 30, 2003.

Kindly amend the application as follows.